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SUBJECT: CESSNA AIRCRAFT REPORTED RELEASED BY NIGERIA

REF: LAGOS 9431, LONDON 12915, PARIS 23758

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1. CESSNA AIRCRAFT CO. INFORMED DEPARTMENT AUGUST 20 THAT

BRIEF CABLE RECEIVED FROM LAGOS AUGUST 19 REPORTING THAT THE THREE PILOTS HAD BEEN RELEASED THE EVENING BEFORE AND HAVE DEPARTED UGHELLI EN ROUTE TO ZAIRE WITH THE THREE CESSNA AIRCRAFT. NO OTHER DETAILS AVAILABLE.

2. DEPARTMENT HOPES THAT EMBASSY LAGOS CAN CONFIRM THIS REPORT AND PROVIDE MORE COMPLETE INFORMATION.

3. FYI, CESSNA DECIDED EARLIER THIS WEEK TO DISPATCH THE NEXT FOUR PLANES FROM FRANCE TO ZAIRE VIA CIRCUITOUS ROUTE THROUGH NIGER AND CHAD WHICH WOULD AVOID NIGERIA- COMPANY PROMISED PROVIDE COMPLETE ITINERARY TO DEPARTMENT BEFORE FLIGHTS TAKE PLACE. CESSNA'S FIRST REACTION AFTER HEARING THAT THE FIRST THREE PLANES HAVE BEEN RELEASED IS ABIDE BY THIS PLAN, I.E. TO SEND THE NEXT FOUR PLANES BY ROUTE WHICH AVOIDS NIGERIA.

4. WITH REGARD PAR 3 LAGOS 9431, CESSNA TOLD DEPARTMENT TWO WEEKS AGO THAT US REGISTRATION NUMBERS ATTACHED TO THE PLANES BY TEMPORARY FABRIC. PERMANENT ZAIRIAN REGISTRATION NUMBERS ARE UNDERNEATH. THIS IS STANDARD PROCEDURE FOR TEMPORARILY REGISTERED PLANES IN TRANSIT TO PURCHASING COUNTRY. END FYI.

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